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Applicants filed their Appeal Brief on April 14, 2003 and submitted the \$320.00 fee therefor via check #215669, dated April 4, 2003, the canceled check for which is attached. Furthermore, Applicants' representative received a telephone call from the Examiner on October 16, 2003 enquiring about the filing of this Appeal Brief. A copy of the Appeal Brief and a Communication regarding same that also included a copy of the

above-mentioned canceled check was received by the Office on October 22, 2003. Applicants received the Examiner's Answer mailed on November 24, 2004, and filed a Reply Brief on January 22, 2004, for which no fee was due. Applicants then received a Communication from the Office mailed on April 2, 2004 indicating that the Reply Brief was entered, considered and forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. On November 14, 2005 an Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner was mailed by the Board indicating that Examiner's Answer did not include signatures of the Appeals Conference participants and that the \$320.00 fee was not included in the Revenue Accounting and Management (RAM) fee history. On February 6, 2006 the Office mailed Applicants a Communication indicating that these matters had been addressed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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